



Crop Progress and Condition

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Agricultural News: Days suitable for fieldwork were 5.5. Precipitation amounts were down from the previous week; good weather conditions have allowed farmers to catch up on planting crops. Farming activities for the week included making hay and planting cotton, peanuts, and soybeans.

SOIL MOISTURE for week ending 05/19/19

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	%	%	%	%
Topsoil	-	3	88	9
Subsoil	-	3	87	10

- Represents zero.

CROP CONDITIONS for week ending 05/19/19

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	%	%	%	%	%
Barley	-	12	24	60	4
Corn	-	1	27	70	2
Hay, Alfalfa	-	3	29	53	15
Hay, Other	3	4	30	50	13
Winter Wheat	-	3	26	62	9
Pasture	1	10	32	41	16

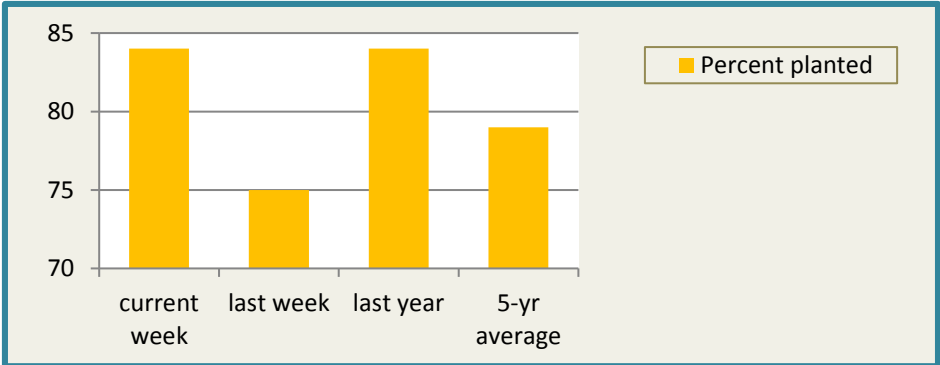
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CROP PROGRESS for week ending 05/19/19

Crop Stage	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
	%	%	%	%
Barley harvested for grain	1	-	-	-
Corn planted	84	75	84	79
Corn emerged	66	51	68	59
Cotton planted	56	36	56	58
Peanuts planted	53	30	47	49
Soybeans planted	35	20	25	22
Soybeans emerged	14	5	11	-
Tobacco, Burley transplanted	34	13	37	27
Tobacco, Fire-cured transplanted	38	17	37	31
Tobacco, Flue-cured transplanted	60	36	57	60
Winter Wheat headed	85	75	89	86

- Represents data not available.

CORN PLANTED for week ending 05/19/19



Weather Summary- For the week ending May 19, 2019

City	Temperature						Growing degree days (modified base 50)		Precipitation				
	Avg. max.	Avg. min.	High max.	Low min.	Avg.	Avg. dep. from normal *	Mar. 1 to May 18	Mar. 1 to May 18 norm	Last Week	Since Mar. 1	Mar. 1 dep. from normal *	Jan. 1 to date	Jan. 1 dep. from normal *
Lynchburg	76	48	88	38	62	0	810	667	0.40	9.29	-0.38	16.94	0.66
Norfolk	76	58	88	55	67	1	985	716	0.20	8.73	-0.86	17.23	0.34
Richmond	76	54	88	44	65	0	935	764	1.22	10.72	1.24	18.33	2.40
Roanoke	77	53	91	43	65	2	867	NA	0.58	8.36	-1.47	16.88	0.65
Wash/Dulles	71	49	85	41	60	-1	721	NA	1.07	11.41	2.36	18.87	4.02

* Normal based on 1971-2000 data. NA-Not available. Source: NCEP/NOAA Climate Prediction Center <http://www.cpc.ncep.noaa.gov>. Source: USDA, NASS, Virginia Field Office.

REPORTER COMMENTS BY COUNTY – Comments are based on remarks made by extension agents, farmers, commodity specialists, and other knowledgeable individuals.

NORTHERN

ROCKINGHAM (Doug Horn)

The week began cool, and ended hot. Some scattered frost on Wednesday morning. Hay making in full swing. Corn and soybean planting making good progress. Some fields still have wet spots hampering planting.

LOUDOUN (Jim Hilleary)

Closed the week with dry days allowing most hay producers to effectively get into their fields; however, localized heavy rain on Sat & Sun complicated production for some. Hay distributors have sold almost all medium to good quality 2018 hay. Some 2019 hay is becoming available; expect inventories to increase significantly this week. Many, perhaps most pastures are recovering well enough from winter mud and water damage.

WESTERN

ROCKBRIDGE (Thomas Stanley)

A mostly dry week, and favorable forecast allowed corn planting and mowing of first cutting hay. Isolated light showers Friday morning did little to hamper progress.

BATH/HIGHLAND (Jennifer Matosky)

Cool spell in the beginning of the week, rainstorms throughout. Grass is good, starting to stay warm and humid.

EASTERN

CHARLES CITY (Scott Reiter)

Good progress was made with field work this week. Hay is being made on a wide basis. Soybean planting is gaining speed. Herbicide and nitrogen applications are being made to corn.

SOUTHEASTERN

CHESAPEAKE CITY (Watson Lawrence Jr.)

Good weather and soil conditions have caught most farmers up on planting. Corn crop planting is about 2 weeks behind a normal year, while soybean planting is right on schedule.

BRUNSWICK (Cynthia Gregg)

Dry weather last week helped with planting. Some producers are done planting tobacco, and others are getting close. Soybeans and corn are being planted. Hay cutting is in full swing. Strawberries are almost completely harvested.

PRINCE GEORGE/SURRY/SUSSEX (Scott Reiter)

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